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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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for JP 2000-593664 dated February 17, 2004), together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. Applicant further states that JP 3-257010 corresponds to U.S. Patent 5,230,953; WO 98/00407 corresponds to U.S. Patent 6,191,233; JP 2-191613 corresponds to U.S. Patent 4,954,588; and JP 6-263952 corresponds to U.S. Patent 6,602,961.

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		US 5,230,953		07-27-1993	TSUGENO et al.
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		JP	3-257010		11-15-1991	NISSAN CHEM IND LTD	Abstract
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		JP	10-335439		12-18-1998	SHIN ETSU CHEM CO LTD	Abstract and Translation-in-part

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